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Research Committee

February 14, 2002

4:30 - 6:00pm

**25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 330A
San Francisco**

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions 4:30-4:40

2. Public Comment 4:40-4:50

3. Committee Business (voting)
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1. Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions	4:30-4:40
2. Public Comment	4:40-4:50
3. Committee Process (vote) -Meeting Time and Frequency -Decision Making Process -Minutes	4:50-5:10
4. Elect Committee Co-chairs & Community Members Discussion -Roles of Chair/Co-Chair (vote) -Roles & responsibilities of members & staff	5:10-5:30
5. Process Evaluation Discussion (vote)	5:30-5:40
6. Scope of Work/Brainstorm (vote)	5:40-5:50
7. Closing and Evaluation	5:50-6:00

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Members Present: Chata Ashley, Ari Bachrach, Micheal Meehan, John Newmeyer, Mike Schement, Steven Tierney, Hank Wilson, Lisa Reyes

Members Absent Israel Nieves-Rivera, Ken Pearce

Support Staff: Eileen Loughran (AO), Kevin Roe (CHSG)

Welcome and Announcements

Hank called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM. He welcomed the group and asked for announcements.

John announced that he brought copies of a research paper that he authored, titled "A New Analysis of MSM Seroconversion in San Francisco."

Hank asked this group, if time permits, to discuss this article during the meeting. This group agreed that that would be fine.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Committee Process

• Meeting Time and Frequency

This committee decided that it would like to meet monthly

This committee decided that on the months that the HPPC is scheduled, it will meet on the 2nd Monday of that month from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. On the months in which the HPPC does not meet, they will meet on the 2nd Thurs. of that month from 4:30-6:00PM.

• Decision Making Process

This committee decided that it would like to work towards consensus, and to hold a vote when the group is not in consensus around a particular issue.

• Minutes

After a vote, it was decided that this committee would like a "Hybrid" version of the minutes, meaning somewhere between action and full-detailed minutes.

Elect Committee Chair

Hank Wilson & Israel Nieves-Rivera were elected Co-chairs by consensus. The committee thanked Hank and Israel for their commitment to the process.

• Roles of Chair/Co-Chair

It was decided that Israel would be the Steering Committee Representative.

• Roles & Responsibilities of members & staff

- Being prepared for meetings. (ie: reading of work or articles in between meetings
- Respect

- Participation
- Focus and contribution
- Share information with the group
- Lisa & Eileen are committee staff and will oversee logistics.

Process Evaluation Discussion

Kevin Roe opened the discussion by informing everyone that the group can choose their method for evaluating the committee process.

Kevin suggested several options that are available for the evaluation process. The group requested the option of emailing additional comments about a meeting to Kevin. Kevin agreed to allow additional time for further comments. The group agreed by consensus to have monthly evaluation forms.

Scope of Work & Timeline

- What is the goal of this committee?
- What Research is being done now, what is planned, what has already been done?
- Research impacted by HPPC.
 - What has been done?
 - What is planned?
- Presentations to the Council
- Develop Community standard for Research receiving DPH funds or letter of support.
 - Require Dissemination
 - Community Report
 - Community meeting
 - Written in a style which is understandable and easy to read

Brainstorming Session

These ideas were tossed around during the informal brainstorming session for this committee:

- Research for departments in the AIDS Office (how is data currently being collected)
- Review abstracts of studies
- Summarize research findings and interpret them for the HPPC and broader community
- What is our baseline- what research is being done right now
- Want to know what works in HIV transmission prevention. Once we know, find it
- What doesn't work, so that it can be defunded
- Review gaps in research, and prioritize them
- What are other research organizations in the city doing in terms of HIV prevention research?
- want to see submitted research papers that never get funded
- Create a community standard for research dissemination
- Create a repository for HIV prevention research that is taking place
- incorporate research presentations into HPPC meetings
- Evaluation research
- Research manifesto (re: research dissemination)

This committee will review the brainstorm and prioritize its scope of work in the upcoming meetings.

This committee reviewed and discussed the article titled "A New Analysis of MSM Seroconversion in San Francisco" written by John Newmeyer. This committee suggested that the HPPC should receive a copy of this article

Closing

Next meeting date is March 11th from 4:30-6:00pm, in the 5th floor conference room at the AIDS Office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Minutes prepared by Eileen Loughran and Lisa Reyes, reviewed by Hank Wilson and Israel Nieves-Rivera.

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AGENDA

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	2. Public Comment	4:40-4:50
	3. Approve February minutes (vote)	4:50-4:55
	4. Report from Steering Committee	4:55-5:05
	5. Scope of Work (vote) -Prioritize key items from the last meeting's brainstorm -Develop timeline for tasks	5:05-5:50
	6. Closing and Evaluation	5:50-6:00

Next meeting will be Thursday April 11, 2002 from 4:30- 6:00 pm

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Support Staff: Eileen Loughran (AO), Kevin Roe (CHSG)

Welcome and Announcements

Hank called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. He welcomed the group and asked for introductions and announcements.

- John announced that the person he nominated for community membership to this committee will unfortunately not be able to participate. He did however, share some of his ideas for the committee.
- Lisa made an announcement about her recent trip to the Community Planning Leadership Summit in Chicago.
- The group decided that they would like to add "new business/other" as a standard item to the agenda.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

February Minutes:

The minutes for February were approved by consensus.

Report from Steering Committee

Israel gave an update from the steering committee:

- Mentioned that this committee is discussing the possibility of updating the 2001 Epi Chapter of the Plan to include the latest census data for San Francisco.
- The need and importance to diversify the committee, encouraged members to recruit community members, particularly women and people of color.
- Lisa will ask Lisa Fitzpatrick if she would like to join the Committee.
- Steven added that the CDC has prioritized surveillance and behavior research. Motion by Steven that applications for CDC prevention dollars should always carry a letter of concurrence from the HPPC. This motion was seconded by the group.
 - Research should meet the priorities set by the HPPC. It must match the needs of San Francisco.
 - Ari suggested community feedback on research (Research Manifesto)
 - There was concern that this process would cause a delay on funding.
- The motion was approved and will be sent to Steering committee, and then to the HPPC.

Scope of Work

- **Prioritize key items from the last meeting's brainstorm**

The group broke the previous meetings brainstorming session into categories for task force.

1. Research Inventory (**Eileen, Lisa, Steven, AO**)
2. Gap Analysis- (Perceptions of gaps)-request feedback & develop list (**Mike S.**)
3. Evaluation – what interventions work (or don't work) (**Israel & Michael M.**)
4. Standards in Practice (Research Manifesto) (**Ari & Hank**)
5. Communication to HPPC & others (**John N. & Hank**)

- Chata mentioned the development of a parking lot list for our ideas
- This committee broke work into task groups, and will report back at its next meeting.
- The group was interested in program evaluations. How are programs evaluating themselves? What works? What doesn't work?
- The group discussed the possibility of working with Zoomerang.com and Kevin Roe to determine what gaps exist in research after the research inventory has been completed.

Develop timeline for tasks

The group will begin work immediately, but did not develop timeline at this meeting.

Closing

Next meeting date is April 11th from 4:30-6:00pm, in the 5th floor conference room at the AIDS Office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Minutes prepared by Eileen Loughran and Lisa Reyes, reviewed by Hank Wilson and Israel Nieves-Rivera.

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April 11, 2002

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25 Van Ness Avenue, 5th floor Conference room
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1. Welcome and Announcements	4:30-4:40
2. Public Comment	4:40-4:50
3. Approve March minutes (vote)	4:50-4:55
4. Report from Steering Committee	4:55-5:05
5. New Business	5:05-5:15
6. Scope of Work (vote) -Develop motion for May 9 th Council meeting -Discuss presentation for May 9 th Council meeting -Develop preliminary timeline for scope of work	5:15-5:50
7. Closing and Evaluation	5:50-6:00

Next meeting will be Monday May 13, 2002 from 4:30- 6:00 PM

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Mike Schement, Steven Tierney, Lisa Reyes, Hank Wilson

Members Absent: Chata Ashley

Staff: Eileen Loughran (HPS), Kevin Roe (CHSG)

Welcome and Announcements:

- Israel welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.
- Hank announced that the AIDS Candlelight March will be in May. He handed out flyer for the "AIDS Hero Awards." The deadline to nominate someone is April 15 at 5:00 PM.

Public Comment:

No Public comment

Approve March minutes

The minutes for the March meeting were approved by consensus.

Report from Steering Committee:

- Each of the Committees gave an update.
- The group reviewed the Attendance Policy set in the HPPC Policies and Procedures Manual. The group had concerns that the present policy does not acknowledge prevention activities or being out of town as excused absences. The committee suggested that perhaps the policy should be reworked to accommodate these activities. The group decided by consensus to table the item to Co-Chairs
- A facilitation training will be available to the chairs & co-chairs of all the committees at the May/June Steering Committee meetings.
- There is a need to fill the now vacant Co-Chair seat for the council. The election will take place at the May 9th Council meeting. Nominations will be received this month. A council member must have served six months on the Council to be eligible for Co-Chair seat. The possibility of leaving the seat vacant until July was discussed, as well as having an Interim Co-Chair until July.
- The group suggested that we invite Dr. Coates of CAPS to come to an HPPC meeting.
- The 2002 calendar for Council agendas was reviewed and approved by consensus.

- Dara Coan followed up on the Epi-Chapter update information from the February 28th meeting. It was suggested that the co-factor data and the Census data should be updated. The decision to update both the Census information and the co-factor information was approved by consensus.

New Business:

- Hank expressed interest in the International AIDS Conference update in Barcelona. He suggested we find out some specific details, such as who is presenting, what is being presented, and how is San Francisco being represented. Steven said Willi McFarland and Grant Colfax will be going, and that perhaps they can give us an update either before they leave, or upon their return.
- Israel showed the group UARP abstracts for the last 9 years. He suggested we review the abstracts to identify gaps and set baseline. Steven suggested that someone (from this committee) attend the CAPS conference, that we get the abstracts from the International AIDS conference in Barcelona, that we review the research inventory that was compiled by the HPPC approx. 4 years, and to also use the research inventory that is currently being developed to set the baseline. The group agreed with this suggestion.
 - Israel expressed concerns about how Research presentations get put on the HPPC agenda. He wanted to know when this committee would be able to recommend research presentations. He mentioned that he didn't know anything about the Hope study that is scheduled to present on May 9th. Eileen explained that the Hope study was invited by the Council to present. This presentation would not include results, or findings, as they have only been in the field 1 year. It was further explained that the staff would give an overview of the study, and the procedures. Steven suggested that we reschedule the Hope study to a later date. He recommended that we ask Grant Colfax to present the findings of his "Barebacking" study since the article was printed in the new issue of AIDS 2002. The committee agreed with this decision.

Scope of Work

- ◆ Task #1: Development of Format for Research Presentations
 - ◆ The Research Committee was charged with coming up with a Research format for future presentations. It was suggested that we request the abstract of any future presentations, along with the presenter's contact information. This information would be sent out with the HPPC agenda, and any other council meeting paperwork. This committee agreed that presenters of research would be asked to provide the following information:
 - ◆ Objectives
 - ◆ Design
 - ◆ Methods
 - ◆ Results
 - ◆ Conclusion
 - ◆ Relevance to HIV Prevention

- ♦ Contact email information

Task #2: Development of Research Inventory/Gap Analysis

The committee has revised and narrowed it's scope of work to the following:

1. Research Inventory (last 5 years)

Include research from: SFDPH, UCSF/CAPS, and UARP

Goal: To get a baseline of SF HIV Prevention research in the last 5 years

2. Gap Analysis/Evaluation

- What are the gaps in evaluation research?
- Make recommendations for intervention evaluation based on gap analysis.

Goal: To identify gaps in SF HIV prevention intervention research

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Task #3: Develop a Research Manifesto (Guidelines for Research that receive Prevention and CDC funds)

- MOTION for Research Manifesto (approved by committee)
- The Research Committee would like the HPPC to approve the motion that applications for CDC prevention dollars should carry a letter of concurrence from the HPPC.

Steven asked this committee to please keep in mind the # of months that we have left when considering the scope of work

Closing & Evaluation

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Next meeting is May 13, 2002 from 4:30-6:00 PM, in the AO Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Eileen Loughran and Lisa Reyes, Reviewed by Israel Nieves- Rivera and Hank Wilson

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2. Public Comment	4:40-4:50
3. Approve minutes (vote)	4:50-4:55
4. Report from Steering Committee	4:55-5:05
5. New Business	5:05-5:15
6. Overview of Different Types of Research	5:15-5:30
7. Scope of Work Discussion (vote)	5:30-5:45
8. Next Steps	5:45-5:55
9. Closing and Evaluation	5:55-6:00

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Members Absent: Ari Bachrach, Michael Meehan, and Mike Schemert

Community Member: Taylor Morrison

Staff: Eileen Loughran (HPS), David Weinman (Note Taker)

Welcome and Announcements:

- The meeting was called to order at 4:35.
- Hank announced that the AIDS Candlelight March will take place on Sunday evening, May 19.
- Eileen announced that there is a Researcher / Interviewer position for the Hope Study open at Continuum.
- Steven announced that he will be taking a two week vacation.

Public Comment:

There was not public comment.

Approve Minutes from April 11th Meeting:

The minutes for the April 11th Meeting were approved by consensus.

Report from Steering Committee:

- Israel reported that we just had a Council meeting (May 9, 2002) there was no news since then.
- Community Liaison Committee reports that their next meeting will be in the Bayviewt
- Membership Committee reports expansion is on going and it is making plans for the Council Diversity training.
- PA/TA Committee has developed a survey, which will be sent to providers. The goal of the survey is to look for populations that may not be being targeted for HIV prevention and to assess current trends in HIV risk behaviors.

New Business:

- Steven, Lisa, and Hank attended CAPS conference. Lisa passed around a copy of the abstracts that were presented at that conference. Hank mentioned that there was a good presentation by Grant Colfax on party drugs, and that perhaps he can be invited to present to the HPPC.
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- Hank also suggested that the people who have worked on the Barebacking Study, Susan Buchbinder and Grant Colfax also be invited to the Council.
- Steven asked if HPPC should commission a study on Non-Injected Drug Use. Perhaps we should ask CAPS to be involved. He reported that the CDC is not watching this aspect of drug use. That perhaps we should look at a study/report on Drug Use's effect on judgment.
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- Chata brought up a meeting he had with the Native American AIDS Project who is looking at what they could do in conjunction with the City/DPH. They are meeting with Polaris. He also noted that the Native American Clinic is not under obligation to report STDs, and that the agency doesn't have the resources to study the epidemic.

Overview of Different Types of Research:

- Lisa and Eileen showed overheads to demonstrate the different types of research that exist in HIV prevention.
- Israel explained the need to differentiate which research is the purview of PA/TA and which needs to be examined by this Committee.
- Hank stated the need for flexibility.
- Lisa stated that if things are too open the Committee and Staff will not be able to handle the workload.
- Israel stated that this Committee can make recommendations for action.
- Chata pointed out that the Committee can get technical help in determining what research might be missing.

Scope of Work Discussion (vote):

This committee reviewed the scope of work, which was approved by the HPPC at the last meeting in May.

Task #1: Development of Format for Research Presentation

- * Recommendation amended and accepted by Council (5/9/02)

Task #2: Development of Research Inventory/Gap Analysis

Goal: To get a baseline of SF HIV Prevention research in the last 5 years

Goal: To identify gaps in SF HIV prevention intervention research

Task #3: Develop a Research Manifesto (Guideline for Research that receive Prevention and CDC funds)

- * Recommendation accepted by Council (5/9/02)

- For the Research Inventory, Israel suggested that Staff collect all of the research that it can, that the Committee will divide it up, and that each member will determine which research is

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specifically relevant. He also stated that the Committee should keep in mind that the Gap Analysis (Second Goal) follows the compilation of an inventory.

- Lisa asked if the Committee will prioritize the types of studies that should be collected by staff.
- Israel suggested that the Committee needs a full and complete list of research, and from that the members will read and "reduce" this.
- Hank stated that the Research Inventory will be an on-going project; that new studies will get added to the Inventory as well as cross-referenced. He also said that DPH has an inventory of research.
- Eileen stated that UARP and CAPS does not have an Inventory.
- Chata stated that an Inventory was done in '95, that it is in the Plan, and wondered if that couldn't be updated. He also suggested that the Research Committee become an on-going committee of the Council, like the Membership Committee. He pointed out that collecting all of this research is a huge scope of work. He asked if the Committee should make this recommendation to the Council?
- Israel asserted that reading of research reports is the work of Committee members, not staff.
- Lisa stated that this is a different scope of work than previously proposed to the Council.
- Hank stated that the first step is to gather the information, before making recommendation to the Council. Hank also stated that no vote was necessary at this point.
- Lisapassed out a Draft Research Inventory, a copy of which is attached for members who were not present at the meeting.
- Hank stated that he will contact Community Substance Abuse Services (CSAS) to see if they have information to be contributed to the Research Inventory.
- Israel stated that the committee is to review the list handed out, make notes, ask questions, and highlight what may be of interest.
- It was pointed out that the School District might have relevant research as their Health Division keeps records. Hank will contact them
- Lisa will get PIs by the next Research Committee meeting.

Next Steps:

- Israel will contact URAP about a printout of Evaluation Research
- Eileen will work on developing the inventory for UARP & check with the Epidemiology & Evaluation section staff about connections at CAPS.
- Staff to note which studies have been presented to council
- Hank asked if there is a central repository of DPH studies? Lisa will recommend that such a central repository to be established, or restored. Hank & Israel to write letter to follow up on this recommendation so that HPPC has access to information collected elsewhere within the DPH.
- Chata recommended that the Research Committee be made a permanent Committee of the Council. It was suggested that this recommendation go to the Steering Committee.

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- Members of the committee are to feed sources of information (research studies) to staff for compilation; including CSAS, CAPS, Native American AIDS Project.

Closing:

Evaluation forms were passed out and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY JUNE 13TH FROM 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, Reviewed by Lisa Reyes and _____.

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3. Approve minutes (vote)	DOCUMENTS DEPT. 4:50-4:55 (5 mins)
4. Report from Steering Committee	JUN 10 2002 SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY 4:55-5:00 (5 mins)
5. New Business	5:00-5:10 (10 mins)
6. Scope of Work Discussion - Research Inventory Update - Next Steps (vote) - HPS Research Process (Tracey Packer/HPS)	5:10-5:30 (20 mins)
7. Brainstorm Research Manifesto (vote)	5:35-5:55 (20 mins)
8. Closing and Evaluation	5:55-6:00 (5 mins)

Next meeting will be Monday July 8th from 4:30- 6:00 PM

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Members Present: Ari Bachrach, Michael Meehan, Steven Tierney, Lisa Reyes, and Hank Wilson

Members Absent: Chata Ashley, John Newmeyer, Israel Nieves-Rivera, and Mike Schemert

Guest: Gayle Burns

Staff: Eileen Loughran (HPS), Tracey Packer (HPS), and David Weinman (Note Taker)

1. Welcome and Announcements:

- The meeting was called to order at 4:40.
- Tracey announced that on June 20th between 11:00 - 1:00 in the 5th Floor conference room the AIDS office will preview the data to be presented at the July Barcelona conference.
- Hank announced that CAPS will also preview their data June 24th or 25th, for information people should call Helen Goldberg.
- Hank also announced that he will not be at the next Research Committee meeting as he will be in Barcelona

2. Public Comment:

There was not public comment.

3. Approve Minutes from May 13th Meeting:

The minutes for the May 13th Meeting were approved by consensus.

4. Report from Steering Committee:

- Steven reported that the Steering Committee meeting is next week.

5. New Business:

- Steven stated that the Committee's agenda is too big. He suggested that the Committee pick one to three topics of research to focus on. He suggested the following areas, which he pulled from previous research committee minutes: a) Native American population, b) Poppers and other non-injection drug use (with MSMs), and c) Latina/o Youth. He suggested the Committee determine:

- 1) What research has been done,
- 2) What is the gap, and
- 3) What can we do about it?

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Once gap analysis has been performed, the Committee could suggest applicable research. His suggestion included using the work to be done on focused areas as a model for any future research.

- Ari supported Steven's suggestion adding that if focused, the Committee can recommend different types and modes of research.
- Hank also expressed support for Steven's suggestion stating that focusing could provide a momentum of success.
- Steven suggested the Committee vote on adopting this procedure at the next meeting. He also suggested that if the approach is approved members should make recommendations at that meeting.
- Hank suggested the Committee invite the STD Section of DPH to make a presentation to show what they are doing, how they are doing it, and how the communicate with the community. Hank suggested the Committee invite other Council Members to the next meeting, and invite Jeff Kausner and Charlotte Kent.

6. Scope of Work Discussion:

Research Inventory Update:

- Lisa and Eileen handed out binders compiled by staff with listing of DPH research, including all identified internal research.
- Tracey explained Tab 7 of the binder provides a summary of outside research.
- Lisa passed out summaries of CAPS' 2001 and 2002 research.
- Eileen explained that UARP asked if the Committee wants full research, or synopsis. She stated that UARP could be of particular help if the Committee focuses its research.
- Tracey also reported that Dara Coan (from Harder and Co.) has provided a behavioral research update, but that it is not yet copied.

Next Steps:

- Hank suggested the Committee review the inventory it has been presented.
- He also suggested the Committee explore Steven's suggestion of focusing research efforts.

HPS Research Process: (Tracey Packer / HPS)

- Tracey explained that the binders passed out provide overview of what research has been done, and can show the outcome of the HPS research process.
 - Various sections work together on projects
 - Epi and Behavioral Studies prioritize needs
 - The Strategic Evaluation Committee determines what intervention is to be performed
 - Most research is formed by what grants are available
 - Working with other researchers, including CAPS, is more difficult than internally managed projects
 - Community involvement is encouraged by the use of community advisory boards

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- Responding to Hank's question about research performed but never published, Tracey told the Committee that HPS and the Epi Eval Unit have a commitment to public disclosure of research.

7. Brainstorm Research Manifesto:

- Hank stated that despite the note on the Agenda, the Committee would not be voting on the Manifesto at this meeting.
- Ari and Steven expressed the need to get research results back to providers as well as participants
- Tracey suggested that the Manifesto include what is to be done with research results.
- Hank raised questions about the scope of the Manifesto, including:
 - What would be an ideal research study?
 - What would help to produce better research?
 - How should research be published/disseminated?
 - What should the community's involvement be?
 - What are the ethics of research studies?
 - Should staffing considerations be included?
 - Is research intended to ask questions, or provide information?
 - What are the study's responsibilities to participants and their communities?
 - Work with CBO's?

Hank expressed disdain for research studies that disappear after their funding expires without regard to the effects that has had on participants and their communities; particularly when such studies do not coordinate their efforts with existing service organizations. He also stated that research proposals need to include the implications of their work as well as suggested 'next steps.'

- Steven expressed agreement that the Manifesto needs to include the implications on participants and the community. He added that some populations may be over studied.

He noted that Ketric Martin (sic?) in New York has a Manifesto regarding research on youth. He suggested the Committee get a copy to see how it deals with implications to participants as well as diversity issues.

- Tracey stated that she will check if CDC has any sort of Manifesto or Guidance.
- Ari stated that research should be new information and should address the priorities listed in the HIV Prevention Plan. He also stated that the Manifesto should require research to fill a gap, rather than going over material already studied.
- Hank stated that the Manifesto should establish a research baseline and acknowledge work already done. He also indicated that absent Committee member will want to contribute to the brainstorming.

8. Closing and Evaluation:

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- Steven called this a very useful meeting. He also stated that he likes the direction the Manifesto is taking, that it is asking the right questions.
- Eileen agreed that the meeting was useful and indicated that focusing the research effort is a good direction to be taking.
- Gayle stated that she feels better about the direction of the Committee and indicated that she will attend more meetings.
- Michael passed on evaluating the meeting.
- Lisa stated that she was glad to see the Committee focus on specific areas of research, that this will be more productive.
- Ari congratulated and thanked the staff for the collection and presentation of information. He stated that he likes the idea of focusing the Committee's efforts on a small number of research areas. He also said that the Manifesto is doable and concrete.
- Tracy stated that the Committee is headed in a great direction. She also said that the Manifesto is addressing issues that have been discussed for years. She indicated that the research book is a good and valuable tool.
- Hank said that focusing on a limited number of areas is a good idea. He stated that likes the idea of looking at research going on and that the Committee should praise, as well as criticize, current work.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:36.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY JULY 8TH FROM 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, Reviewed by Lisa Reyes and Eileen Loughran.

HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COUNCIL (HPPC)**Research Committee****July 8th, 2002****4:30 - 6:00pm****25 Van Ness Avenue, Conference Room
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1. Welcome and Announcements	4:30-4:40 (10 mins)
2. Public Comment	4:40-4:50 (10 mins)
3. Approve minutes (vote)	4:50-4:55 (5 mins)
4. Report from Steering Committee	4:55-5:00 (5 mins)
5. New Business	5:00-5:10 (10 mins)
6. Scope of Work Discussion (vote) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Inventory Check-in - Discussion on 3 areas of focus - Next Steps 	5:10-5:30 (20 mins)
7. Brainstorm Research Manifesto (vote) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hetrick-Martin Institute Example 	5:35-5:55 (20 mins)
8. Closing and Evaluation	5:55-6:00 (5 mins)

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1. Welcome and Announcements	5:30-5:40 (10 mins)
2. Public Comment	5:40-5:50 (10 mins)
3. Approve June minutes (vote)	5:50-5:55 (5 mins)
4. Report from Steering Committee	5:55-6:00 (5 mins)
5. Report from International AIDS Conf. In Barcelona	6:00-6:05 (5 mins)
6. New Business	6:05-6:10 (5 mins)
7. Scope of Work Discussion (vote) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on 3 areas of focus - Next Steps - Schedule additional August meeting 	6:10-6:25 (15 mins)
8. Closing and Evaluation	6:25-6:30 (5 mins)

Next meeting will be Monday September 9th from 4:30- 6:00 PM

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Members Present: Ari Bachrach, John Newmeyer, Israel Nieves-Rivera, Mike Schement, Steven Tierney, Liso Reyes, and Honk Wilson

Members Absent: Chata Ashley

Guest: Mike Pendo (AO, Epidemiology & Evaluation Section)

Professional Staff: Eileen Loughran (HPS), and Dovid Weinman (Note Taker)

1. Welcome and Announcements:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:43.
- Isroel onnounced that someone is needed to be the Co-Chair of the Committee os he is now Co-Chair of the Council. The issue will be put on the ogendo for the next Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

3. Approve Minutes from May 13th Meeting:

The minutes for the June 13th meeting were approved by consensus.

4. Report from Steering Committee:

- Steven reported that the Steering Committee is considering returning to monthly Council meeting while limiting them to two-hour duration.
- Liso reported that Aaron Cohen has applied and has been approved for as a community member of the Research Committee.

• Report from International AIDS Conference In Barcelona:

Hank's report included these highlights:

- The conference was huge in both attendance and presentations of information.
- There was a great deal of discussion about drugs as co-factors, including poppers, methamphetamine, and "party" drugs.
- Some cities/areas are experiencing an increase in infection, while others are not.
- Poor nations and regions are not getting the funding necessary to contain or treat the epidemic.
- In general, there was nothing particularly new or shocking.
- Researchers from San Froncisco contributed a lot of obstrcts including from CAPS, API, SFAF, SF HIV Prevention Section, and others
- He may try to bring obstrcts/presentations to HPPC for review.

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- It was reported that the Party & Play Study Community report is completed and that Mike Pendo will soon be ready to present this. A Community meeting will be held to review this work. He asked if this committee wanted to take charge and host the community forum. This committee agreed to host the community forum for Party and Play.
- John suggested the Committee also send this recommendation to the Steering Committee to support this presentation. He also commended Mike on this very important study and offered his help in getting the information out to the community.
- Steven mentioned that the HPS will be holding a Best Practices Two day Conference/Colloquium in the fall, 10/28-29, with experts from around the world. The focus is on Gay Men's Health.

5. Scope of Work Discussion:**Discussion on three areas of focus:**

- Israel highlighted the three areas of research focus previously discussed:
 - a) Native American population,
 - b) Poppers and other non-injection drug use (with MSM), and
 - c) Latina/o Youth
- Ari suggested we find what needs assessments have been done in these communities
- John asked if "b)" relates only to non-injection drugs, and was told that was the intention.
- Hank reported that in Barcelona there were presentations that included information on deaths related to use of poppers and Viagra (as a "Party" drug).
- Steven stated that the Committee needs a "success experience" and that "b)" and "c)" should suffice. He suggested the Committee move forward on that basis.
- Hank stated that crack is a big issue, beyond the MSM community.
 - ⇒ Ari agreed that crack is a big issue beyond the MSM community, but that he understands the MSM community is a stated priority in the prevention plan.
 - ⇒ Israel stated that the Committee can look at crack use in the non-MSM community later, that the efforts of the Committee needs focus.
- Motion was made and seconded to focus research activities on (1) Poppers and other non-injection drug use by MSM and (2) Latina/o Youth. There was no further discussion. The motion passed without objection.
- It was recommended to put the "Native American" lit search on hold, because there will be a Needs Assessment conducted on this community, as prioritized by the HPPC.

Next Steps:

- Staff will perform a literature search to determine what research has been done relating to these populations
 - ⇒ It was suggested staff include the term "HIV" in the Latina/o Youth search
 - ⇒ It was also reported that Raphael Diaz and Dr. Morales recently got a grant and that they should be contacted regarding their data

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- Israel suggested the Committee define "Youth." He noted that the CDC defines it as 13-24 but the World Health Organization defines the term as 13-29. It was agreed to use the CDC definition.
- Ari asked if the Committee could contact organizations that have done broader research, and resort the information based on our criteria.
 - ⇒ Steven responded that this should be considered after literature is pulled.
- Israel asked if we had added Latina to "2)" and was told by Steven that the Committee had made that addition.

Schedule Additional August Meeting:

- The next scheduled meeting is September 9th, 2002. The Committee's consensus was that it doesn't need to meet again in August. This will give staff time to conduct literature reviews, and gather information.

Other:

Hank suggested doing a research presentation to the Council

- CAPS has done research with Young People -- the "Hopeful Model"
 - ⇒ Contact Susan Kegels
 - ⇒ Israel reported that the study was replicated in San Jose and the model didn't work, and that it was also attempted in Oakland
- Hank stated that the Viagra Study may also be relevant to Committee's work.
- Eileen noted that the next Council meeting is in the Bayview Hunter's Point neighborhood and that might not be appropriate to have a research presentation then, but suggested consideration of the October meeting.
 - ⇒ Steven added that he thought a brief presentation in October would be okay.
- Israel suggested a presentation on the Bareback Study.
 - ⇒ Eileen noted that Grant Colfax (the PI on this study) doesn't work on Thursday, and Steven added that Susan does. Eileen will follow-up and report back at the next meeting.
- Israel stated that he would want to see an abstract of any research before presentation to the whole Council.
- Steven noted that the Barebacking study included an observation that Positives are barebacking with Negatives based on interviews with only two people.
- Lisa suggested having the presentation on an "off" month.
- Israel stated that the presentation should relate to the work the Committee is doing.
- Ari said that the next Council meeting in the Bayview Hunter's Point neighborhood, and any presentation should relate to issues facing that particular community.
 - ⇒ Hank noted that there were several presentations in Barcelona regarding the African American community.
- Eileen stated that a panel of community representatives has already been organized for the September meeting in the Bayview.
- Kevin suggested work done by Michael Wagner, the "HIV and Substance Abuse in the Bayview" study.

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- Israel questioned if the Committee needs to make a presentation at the Bayview Hunter's Point Council meeting, and stated that the purpose to the neighborhood meeting is to hear from them - not to report to them.
- Hank stated that he thinks it would be useful for a neighborhood to see what research has found.
- Ari stated that the Committee should see and review any presentation before it is made in a meeting.
- Israel stated that any research also needs to comply with the Committee's Research Manifesto.

Motion was made and seconded to recommend that this issue be brought to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will determine if the Council should have a community appropriate research presentation at the September 12, 2002 meeting in the Bayview Hunter's Point neighborhood. There was no further discussion. The motion passed without objection and with one abstention.

6. **Closing and Evaluation:**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. There was no discussion or objection.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:18.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH FROM 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, Reviewed by _____.

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4. Report from Steering Committee	5:55-6:00 (5 mins)
5. Committee Co-Chair Elections (vote)	6:00-6:10 (10 mins)
6. New Business	6:10-6:15 (5 mins)
7. Scope of Work Discussion (vote) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion/Report back on literature searches - Next Steps - Plan/Discuss November HPPC meeting - Discuss/Plan Community Forum (Party & Play) 	6:10-6:25 (30 mins)
8. Closing and Evaluation	6:25-6:30 (5 mins)

Next meeting will be Thursday October 10th from 4:30 - 6:00 PM

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Members Present: Chata Ashley, Ari Bachrach, Aaron Cohen, John Newmeyer, Lisa Reyes, Israel Nieves-Rivera, Mike Schemert, Steven Tierney, and Hank Wilson

Members Absent: None

Guest: None

Professional Staff: Eileen Loughran (HPS), and David Weinman (Note Taker)

1. Welcome and Announcements:

- Lisa announced a change to the published Agenda: addition of Epi Chapter - Gap Analysis under "New Business."
- Steven announced that RFP's from the AIDS Office are out and will be reviewed in two weeks. They cover a range of topics including: Neighborhood Scans, Social Marketing regarding advances in Condom Technology, Rapid Assessment, Social Marketing for Latinos, and Building a Web Site for HPPC / the AIDS Office.
 - ⇒ Review of applications for funding is scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday October 22-23rd at 25 Van Ness.
- Steven also asked that discussion regarding the Research Manifesto be moved to the Agenda for the next meeting (11/04/02).

2. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

3. Approve Minutes from September 9, 2002 Meeting:

The minutes for the September 9th meeting were approved by consensus.

4. New Business

- Epi Chapter - Gap Analysis:

Lisa reported that this year's update of the Epi Chapter - Gap Analysis is in progress. She handed out wording and asked members to respond to her or Dara Coan before 10/24/02.

5. Reschedule Nov. 11th Committee Meeting:

It was pointed out that the next scheduled Committee Meeting is 11/11/02 - which is Veterans' Day. The alternative date of 11/04/02 @ 4:30 PM was proposed, discussed and agreed by consensus.

- Israel noted that he would be out of town on that date.

6. Small Group Discussion

The Committee broke up into two small groups for separate discussion of the topics:

- non-IDU MSMs Group

Group members: Aaron C, Ari B, Hank W, John N, Mike S, and Steven T, with Eileen L (support)

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Questions (reiterated from Minutes 9/9/02):

- Is there sufficient justification to provide services to drug users, not just injection drug users (since research has shown that the HIV risk has been associated with the sex after drug use)?
- Is there sufficient evidence that IDU is still a risk?
- The group agreed that it was clear from the research abstracts that there is a correlation between drug use -- particularly "club drugs" and meth-amphetamine (Speed) and risky sexual behavior. It was noted that the studies indicate that drug use is also related to self-esteem issues.
- The group agreed that IDU MSMs remain at risk. They also questioned how could we change the behavior of people using non-IDU.
- It was said that behavioral change messages should be directed to specific groups.
- The group discussed that the studies reviewed indicate that the relationship is between "consistent" rather than "episodic" Speed use and risky behavior. It was mentioned that while circuit party use may be "episodic" the party is too late for a prevention message to be effective.
- Ari suggested that non-HIV service providers might handle the prevention work that needs to be done regarding drug use and risky behavior.
 - ⇒ Aaron asked if money assigned for drug prevention could be used for HIV prevention.
 - ⇒ Ari said that he was suggesting an intervention model, that cooperation was needed with other service providers to get the message out.
- The group agreed that the HPPC needs to continue work with IDU MSMs.
 - ⇒ It was mentioned that many studies indicate that people who use often use multiple drugs.
 - ⇒ It was suggested that the BRP should expand from IDU to DU.
 - ⇒ The group agreed that Needle Exchange should not be discontinued.
- It was pointed out that only one article compared IV drug use with non-IV drug use. The group discussed that there are a great number of people using non-IV drugs (including alcohol) but the ratio of Speed users and risky sexual behavior was highest.
- Steven explained that HIV prevention funding in SF can be divided into three tiers: 67% are Gay/TG, 27% IDU; and 6% non-Gay/TG and non-IDU.
 - ⇒ He asked if non-IDU should be added to the second tier, or if a new tier should be added?
 - ⇒ He pointed out that this would be a change in the definition and that would have to be recommended to the whole Council. He mentioned that ultimately the change in definition would have to involve changes in the State and Federal guidelines, if HPPC was to be able to use funding allocated for "IDU."
 - ⇒ He also asked if the Committee has enough information to make such a recommendation.
- John asked if treatment has been shown to be effective for Speed users.
 - ⇒ Hank said that he has information on Narcotics Anonymous and similar programs.
 - ⇒ Mike stated that large parts of the Speed using population never seek treatment
 - ⇒ Steven indicated that most stop using without getting treatment.
 - ⇒ Steven also noted that there is an RFP out to shorten the wait list for treatment.

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- Mike stated that there is a need for social marketing clearly tying the use of Speed to acquisition of HIV.
- Hank asked the group about Ari's suggestion of integrating HIV prevention with other services; such as Mental Health, Housing, and Substance Abuse.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that the Substance Abuse service community has a budget for HIV planning and prevention. He suggested the Committee find out what they are doing.
- Steven suggested the Committee explore research focusing on Young Gay Men who don't think they have a drug problem.
 - ⇒ He also stated that many Young Gay Men come to SF to use drugs and have sex.
- John asked if messages regarding drug use and risky sexual behavior needs to be "*non-judgmental*?"
 - ⇒ Ari stated that the message does need to be "*non-judgmental*" if it is to be heard.
 - ⇒ Hank said that people, particularly young people don't know that 'snorting' Speed is dangerous. And that young people also tend to think of themselves as immortal - and feel that even more so when using Speed.
 - ⇒ Ari said that a biological statement can be put out without being judgmental. He also said that that young people know it is not healthy, but want to/enjoy taking risks.
 - ⇒ Hank stated that a negative message has never been attempted, or a message based on biology; and that we don't know what young people 'know.'
- The group discussed that there seems to be two groups of Drug Users: the sophisticated who are knowledgeable about the risks; and the naive users, who are often new to the city and the club scene.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that the 'sophisticated users' may be the ones who are sero-converting.
- Aaron asked if a message directed toward the HIV Positive community to "act responsibly" would be effective.
- Hank stated that the issue is that drug use correlates to risky behavior, that interventions are needed. He also said that a campaign regarding Speed is needed.
 - ⇒ Ari said that meth-amphetamine users can't be isolated from other drug users.
- Hank asked, when does recreational (episodic) Speed use become a problem? He stated that if the research indicates that episodic use is not high risk, but consistent (addictive) use is then is the problem addiction? He said that we need to know where the line is.
 - ⇒ Aaron responded that taking sexual risks defines the problem user.
 - ⇒ Steven said that the intervention might be to ask if the use is addictive, or if it is safe. He defined addiction as things that cause life changes.
- Steven suggested two social marketing campaigns: the first about sex; the second about addiction.
 - ⇒ Ari stated his support for campaigns designed to reduce harm and commence discussion about addiction. He reiterated that creating stigma has never been effective; that the messages should be about staying safe.
- John suggested messages making it clear that people can easily slip from episodic to addictive use of drugs.
 - ⇒ Steven referred to this approach as "Addiction Awareness."

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- ⇒ Hank stated that messages must reach friends, roommates, lovers and the like of drug users. He suggested these messages: "Don't Co-", "You lose your home, your job, your life," and, "Do you want your friends to tell you that you are on the edge?"
- Ari asked if doing research on addiction would lead to HIV prevention.
 - ⇒ It was pointed out that drug use can be seen as a continuum, and that identifying where addiction begins would also show where drug use contributes to risky sexual behavior.
- Hank stated that there is a lot of misinformation on the Internet regarding use of Amylnitrate (Poppers) and that there is a need for Internet intervention.
 - ⇒ Hank asked if the expanded definition is just to include Speed? He pointed out that TARC ran a productive Focus Group on Popper use, from which they learned a lot.

Conclusions

- Steven suggested that a component of the research on Drug Use be a Needs Assessment with the view to deliver information regarding what message works.
 - ⇒ The group agreed that the important thing is to get the message out that addiction leads to unsafe sex.
- Steven suggested making two recommendations to the Council:
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8. Closing and Evaluation:

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. There was no discussion or objection.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4 FROM 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, Reviewed by Eileen Loughran, Lisa Reyes, and _____

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Members Present: Chata Ashley, Ari Bachrach, Aaron Cohen, John Newmeyer, Lisa Reyes, Israel Nieves-Rivera, Mike Schemert, Steven Tierney, and Hank Wilson

Members Absent: None

Guest: None

Professional Staff: Eileen Loughran (HPS), and David Weinman (Note Taker)

1. Welcome and Announcements:

- Lisa announced a change to the published Agenda: addition of Epi Chapter - Gap Analysis under "New Business."
- Steven announced that two RFP's from the AIDS Office are being let.
 - ⇒ They cover a range of topics including: Neighborhood Scans, Social Marketing regarding advances in Condom Technology, Rapid Assessment, Social Marketing for Latinos, and Building a Web Site for HPPC / the AIDS Office.
 - ⇒ Review of applications for funding is scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday October 22-23rd at 25 Van Ness.
- Steven also asked that discussion regarding the Research Manifesto be moved to the Agenda for the next meeting (11/04/02).

2. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

3. Approve Minutes from September 9, 2002 Meeting:

The minutes for the September 9th meeting were approved by consensus.

4. New Business

- Epi Chapter - Gap Analysis:

Lisa reported that this year's update of the Epi Chapter - Gap Analysis is in progress. She handed out wording and asked members to respond to her or Dara Coan before 10/24/02.

5. Reschedule Nov. 11th Committee Meeting:

It was pointed out that the next scheduled Committee Meeting is 11/11/02 - which is Veterans' Day. The alternative date of 11/04/02 @ 4:30 PM was proposed, discussed and agreed by consensus.

- Israel noted that he would be out of town on that date.

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6. Small Group Discussion

The Committee broke up into two small groups for separate discussion of the topics:

- non-IDU MSMs Group

Group members: Aaron C, Ari B, Eileen L, Hank W, John N, Mike S, and Steven T

Questions (reiterated from Minutes 9/9/02):

- Is there sufficient justification to provide services to drug users, not just injection drug users (since research has shown that the HIV risk has been associated with the sex after drug use)?
- Is there sufficient evidence that IDU is still a risk?
- Mike began the discussion stating that it was clear from the research abstracts that there is a correlation between drug use -- particularly "club drugs" and meth-amphetamine (Speed) and risky sexual behavior. He noted that the studies indicate that drug use is also related to self-esteem issues. Mike stated that HPPC needn't spend money to look into this, as it appears to be clearly established.
- He also said that he believes IDU MSMs remain at risk.
- He asked how could we change the behavior of people using non-IDU.
- John agreed with Mike adding Amyl Nitrite (Poppers) to the list of non-IV drugs. He asked the group if non-IV drugs are causal, or sympathetic with risky sexual behavior.
- Aaron said that behavioral change messages should be directed to specific groups.
- He also pointed out that the studies reviewed indicate that the relationship is between "consistent" rather than "episodic" Speed users and risky behavior. That while circuit party use may be "episodic" the party is too late for a prevention message to be effective.
- Ari suggested that non-HIV service providers might handle the prevention work that needs to be done regarding drug use and risky behavior.
 - ⇒ Aaron asked if money assigned for drug prevention could be used for HIV prevention.
 - ⇒ Ari said that he was suggesting an intervention model, that cooperation was needed with other service providers to get the message out.
- Hank asked the group if it agreed that that HPPC needs to continue work with IDU MSMs. There was general agreement.
 - ⇒ Aaron said that the message needs to be beyond using drugs safely, that all of these drugs tend to lead to risky behavior.
 - ⇒ Eileen said that the studies indicate that most drug users use multiple drugs.
 - ⇒ Mike stated that the BRP should change from IDU to DU.
 - ⇒ Ari stated that Needle Exchange should/must not be discontinued.
- Aaron said that only one article compared IV drug use with non-IV drug use. He pointed out that there are a great number of people using non-IV drugs (including alcohol) but the ratio of Speed users and risky sexual behavior was highest.

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- Steven explained that HIV positive people in SF can be divided into three tiers: 67% are Goy/TG, 27% IDU; and 6% non-Goy/TG and non-IDU.
 - ⇒ He asked if non-IDU should be added to the second tier, or if a new tier should be added?
 - ⇒ He pointed out that this would be a change in the definition that would have to be recommended to the whole Council. And that ultimately the change in definition would have to involve changes in the State and Federal guidelines, if HPPC was to be able to use funding allocated for "IDU."
 - ⇒ He also asked if the Committee has enough information to make such a recommendation.
 - ⇒ John asked if non-IDU MSM wasn't a subsection of the first tier rather than the second.
- John asked if treatment has been shown to be effective for Speed users.
 - ⇒ Aaron stated that only aging is efficacious
 - ⇒ Hank said that he has information on Narcotics Anonymous and similar programs.
 - ⇒ Mike stated that large parts of the Speed using population never seek treatment
 - ⇒ Steven indicated that most stop using without getting treatment.
 - ⇒ Steven also noted that there is an RFP out to shorten the wait list for treatment.
- Mike stated that there is a need for social marketing clearly tying the use of Speed to acquisition of HIV.
- Honk asked the group about Ari's suggestion of integrating HIV prevention with other services; such as Mental Health, Housing, and Substance Abuse.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that the Substance Abuse service community has a budget for HIV planning and prevention. He suggested the Committee find out what they are doing.
- Steven suggested the Committee research regarding Young Gay Men who don't think they have a drug problem.
 - ⇒ He also stated that many Young Gay Men came to SF to use drugs and have sex.
- John asked if messages regarding drug use and risky sexual behavior needs to be "*non-judgmental*"?
 - ⇒ Ari stated that the message does need to be "*non-judgmental*" if it is to be heard.
 - ⇒ Ari also stated that people know that drug use is harmful.
 - ⇒ Hank questioned this statement and said that people, particularly young people don't know that 'snorting' Speed is dangerous. And that young people also tend to think of themselves as immortal - and feel that even more so when using Speed.
 - ⇒ Ari said that a biological statement can be put out without being judgmental. He also said that that young people know it is not healthy, but want to/enjoy taking risks.
 - ⇒ Honk stated that a negative message has never been attempted, or a message based on biology; and that we don't know what young people 'know.'
- Eileen stated that there seems to be two groups of Drug Users: the sophisticated who are knowledgeable about the risks; and the naïve (young).
 - ⇒ Steven stated that the 'sophisticated users' may be the ones who are sero-converting.
- Aaron asked if a message directed toward the HIV Positive community to "act responsibly" would be effective.

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- Hank stated that the issue is that drug use correlates to risky behavior, that interventions are needed. He also said that a campaign regarding Speed is needed.
 - ⇒ Ari said that meth-amphetamine users can't be isolated from other drug users.
- Hank asked, when does recreational (episodic) Speed use become a problem? He stated that if the research indicates that episodic use is not high risk, but consistent (addictive) use is then is the problem addiction? He said that we need to know where the line is.
 - ⇒ Aaron responded that taking sexual risks defines the problem user.
 - ⇒ Steven said that the intervention might be to ask if the use is addictive, or if it is safe. He defined addiction as things that cause life changes.
- Steven suggested two social marketing campaigns: the first about sex; the second about addiction.
 - ⇒ Ari stated his support for campaigns designed to reduce harm and commence discussion about addiction. He reiterated that creating stigma has never been effective; that the messages should be about staying safe.
- John suggested messages making it clear that people can easily slip from episodic to addictive use of drugs.
 - ⇒ Steven referred to this approach as "Addiction Awareness."
 - ⇒ Hank stated that messages must reach friends, roommates, lovers and the like of drug users. He suggested these messages: "Don't Co-", "You lose your home, your job, your life," and, "Do you want your friends to tell you that you are on the edge?"
- Steven suggested making two recommendations to the Council:
 - ⇒ Research - including gaining information on what messages are effective; and
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- Ari asked if doing research on addition would lead to HIV prevention.
 - ⇒ Eileen pointed out that drug use can be seen as a continuum, and that identifying where addiction begins would also show where drug use contributes to risky sexual behavior.
- Hank stated that there is a lot of misinformation on the Internet regarding use of Amyl-nitrate (Poppers) and that there is a need for Internet intervention.
- He also said that we should recommend expansion of the definition from IDU to just DU.
- Steven suggested that a component of the research on Drug Use be a Needs Assessment with the view to deliver information regarding what message works.
 - ⇒ He suggested, facetiously, "Mary, You're Getting Messy." He said the important thing is to get the message out that addiction leads to unsafe sex.
- ⇒ Hank asked if the expanded definition is just to include Speed? He pointed out that TARC ran a productive Focus Group on Popper use, from which they learned a lot.

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5. Report from Steering	5:10-5:15 (5 mins)
5. Research Manifesto -Hetrick-Martin	5:15-5:25 (10 mins)
6. Follow-up Small Group Discussion - non-IDU MSMs - Latino/a Youth	5:25-5:35(10 mins)
7. Scope of Work (vote) - Next Steps - Review Agenda for November 14 th HPPC meeting - Research committee introduction	5:35-5:55 (20 mins)
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Professional Staff: Tracey Packer (HPS), and David Weinman (Note Taker)

1. Welcome and Announcements:

- Lisa announced that there are eight new Council Members. They will be introduced at the next meeting (11/14).
 - ⇒ New members are on a provisional basis for November & December.
 - ⇒ They commence voting in January '03.

2. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

3. Approve Minutes from September 9, 2002 Meeting:

The minutes for the September 9th meeting were approved by consensus.

4. New Business

Report back from Forum

Committee members Aaron, Hank, Israel, John and Steven were in attendance at the Community Action Forum on Gay Men's Health and HIV Prevention (10/28-29/02). Non-Committee Council Members Michael Discepola, Steve Gibson, and Tae-Wol Stanley were also in attendance. David Weinman was present as the note taker.

- Steven commented that the concepts discussed involved a larger agenda than HIV prevention.
 - ⇒ The process will make suggestions to HPPC and DPH.
 - ⇒ Overall concept of "Health Promotion" was widely discussed,
 - A holistic and community based approach.

Attendees volunteered to continue the process and create a framework for Gay Men's Health.

- ⇒ He noted that Peter Keogh of Sigma Research in London, England observed that the gay men's community in SF doesn't know what power and resources it has.
 - Charles Klein of DPH will review the notes and distribute them as a draft to the attendees.
 - Comments and revisions will be collected from the attendees, compiled into a final document and made available for wider distribution.
- John commented that the Forum involved a lot of 'Out of the Box' thinking.
 - ⇒ He also noted that current activities, which are focused on a prevention model, are like a railroad on a track, and will not be easy to change.

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- ⇒ He questioned if this may not signal a paradigm shift where gay men pay for services rather than having them provided by the community.
- Hank stated that one of the concepts discussed extensively, Community Based Research, is interesting and seems applicable to SF.
 - ⇒ He also noted that he made a lot of new connections.
 - Steven added that this was a common comment, and that about half of the attendees didn't know each other.
 - Steven also noted that five of the attendees didn't have any previous affiliation with HIV prevention- that their association was with "non-funded" organizations.
 - ⇒ Hank pointed out that the bulk of the discussions were about gay health, not just HIV.
 - ⇒ He also commented that Rafael Diaz's presentation was particularly positive and motivational.
- Aaron commented that it was heartening to see so many people that are involved in different aspects of the epidemic coming together to explore new approaches.
 - ⇒ He noted that it is particularly good to see since so many of the organizations compete for the same grants.

5. Report from Steering Committee:

Tracey provided an overview of the Steering Committee's last meeting (10/24/02):

- They discussed the '03 Plan.
 - ⇒ Through brainstorming they came up with a lot of good ideas.
- They agreed to make these suggestions to the Council:
 - ⇒ The Membership Committee is a standing committee,
 - ⇒ The Research and Community Liaison committees to continue operations, and
 - ⇒ Form a New Plan Committee to write the '03 Plan.
- The New Plan Committee will prepare the '03 Plan:
 - ⇒ It will determine what has, and has not, been useful in the current plan.
 - ⇒ Decide if the Plan is to be published electronically and/or on paper.
 - ⇒ Make the new Plan more user-friendly.
- The Steering Committee may also form a Task Force to examine:
 - ⇒ Client Level Data Elements (CLDE),
 - ⇒ How effective activities are, and
 - ⇒ Various prevention studies.
- The next Steering Committee meeting is 11/21/02, 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

6. Research Manifesto:

Steven discussed the manifesto created by Hetrick-Martin in response to numerous organizations wanting to do research among the youth of New York. It includes the principle that the program must be useful to the participants. A copy of that manifesto has not as yet been obtained, however, copies of a similar document titled "Communities Creating Knowledge."

- When the Hetrick-Martin manifesto is obtained it will be copied to Committee Members.

This Committee is to come up with a proposed research manifesto to submit to the Council.

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- Steven suggested the Committee begin with "Communities Creating Knowledge." Guiding Principles:
 - ⇒ Community Benefits,
 - ⇒ Capacity Building,
 - ⇒ Collaboration,
 - ⇒ Equity,
 - ⇒ Inclusion,
 - ⇒ Accessibility, and
 - ⇒ Empowerment.
- John suggested that the community needs to contribute and participate in the process, that this should be a Community Based Research (CBR) process.
 - ⇒ Hank noted that there have been several CBR projects in SF and cited: Party & Play, Street Intersection Survey, and AESOP.
 - ⇒ He also stated that the community needs to be involved in development, implementation and interventions coming out of CBR.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that dissemination of information to the community should be added to the list of principles above.
- Ari asked Steven if the Research Manifesto is only for funded research or if it applies to any research that has HPPC's support.
 - ⇒ He responded that it would also include any DPH research.
- Tracey commented that the Research Manifesto could be used to educate researchers.
- Hank stated that the Institutional Review Board at UCSF also governs researchers.
 - ⇒ He commented that we must be sure research informs the subject.
 - Particularly if research identifies some hazard.
 - People assume that researchers will notify them if they are being harmed, but this is rarely the case.

This topic is to be further discussed at the next Research Committee Meeting (12/12/02).

7. Follow-up Small Group Discussions

non-IDU MSMs Group

The Committee is to make recommendation to the Council regarding research and prevention.

Discussion followed continuing the dialogue regarding the following Questions (reiterated from Minutes 9/9/02):

- Is there sufficient justification to provide services to drug users, not just injection drug users (since research has shown that the HIV risk has been associated with the sex after drug use)?
- Is there sufficient evidence that IDU is still a risk?

- Michael asked how does one know when a non-IDU crosses over from an episodic user to a problem user?
- Ari stated that we need to find out what drugs people are using.
 - ⇒ That we should collaborate with others to determine this.
 - ⇒ The professional staff will contact the Division of Behavior Health Sciences.

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- Steven suggested contacting Valerie Mills.
- It is possible that their budget includes funds for HIV prevention.
- ⇒ Hank indicated that we are interested in finding out what they are doing as well as their funding.
- Steven corrected the notes from the 10/10/02 meeting, insofar as his suggestion is not that we have two recommendations for the Council, but that there are two types of recommendations we may wish to make:
 - 1) We need more research, or
 - 2) We have enough research, we need intervention.
- He also said that we may aim at populations that don't identify themselves as "addicts" but their use of non-IV drugs leads to risky sexual behavior.
 - ⇒ We may wish to help people recognize the connection between drug use and risky sexual behavior.
 - ⇒ We also may wish to encourage friends to help people recognize the connection.
- Mike suggested that "addiction" might not be the right word, particularly for young people.
 - ⇒ He asked how we convey this message without offending the target population, causing them to tune out.
- Hank stated that we need to look at the Internet for interventions.
 - ⇒ Steven commented that an Internet project was funded with the Stop AIDS Project two years ago, but that it didn't show effective outcome.
 - ⇒ Hank suggested that intervention and prevention messages need to present in the Internet, but not intrusive.
 - ⇒ Hank added that the Internet is a good opportunity as it allows anonymous inquiries.

Change from IDU MSM to DU MSM Discussion -

- Steven asked if the next step should be a change in the definitions of at risk populations.
 - Are IDUs at risk as a result of dirty needles?
 - Or, are people at risk resulting from their behavior while under the influence drugs?
 - ⇒ He asked if we should have a meeting with the Trend Analysis and Population Assessment Committee to discuss this issue.
 - ⇒ He also asked if the focus of intervention should be on drug use and/with sex.
- Tracey stated that this is a paradigm change from direct risk (being infected by needles) to an indirect one (risky behavior resulting from drug use).
- John stated that things like drug use used to be referred to as co-factors. We may wish to look at other such, including poverty and isolation.
 - ⇒ He asked if this change opens a 'Pandora's Box.'
- Ari asked if we can determine when seroconversion is a result of drug use, or sex as the two are closely related in behavior patterns and in timing.
 - ⇒ Michael suggested that people's most risky sexual behavior often involves drug use.
 - ⇒ Tracey said that we don't know how much risky sexual behavior involves use of non-IV drugs.
 - But the numbers indicate that in SF IDU are at less risk than in the past.
- Ari asked if the change is being made for funding or understanding purposes.
- Steven responded that IDU is no longer a prime cause; whereas sexual behavior associated with DU is.

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- ⇒ He suggested that Tier 2 be expanded to include non-IV drug use.
- ⇒ Tracey suggested the question, "Is risk higher from IV Drugs, or Sex with Drug Use" would be an interesting topic for a Forum.
- ⇒ Steven added perhaps a CBR project, or public forum.
- Tracey noted that the change being discussed fits in with the timing of re-writing the Plan.
 - ⇒ A Forum or CBR project could be a good kick-off for the preparation of the new Plan.
- Ari added that this also fits with the upcoming 'Party & Play' community forum.
 - ⇒ Hank noted that currently while we examine IV drugs we are missing Crack, Poppers, and non-injected Speed.
- Steven stated that there is a powerful link between drug use/sex/and seroconversion.
 - ⇒ He added that Committee Members all know of this correlation, a forum would be a means of reorienting the way the community and we look at this.
- John suggested we make drug use a central concern of Tier 1.
- Lisa said that PEP did some research on this topic, asking what drugs people used.
 - ⇒ She stated that Josh Bamberger might have information on this.
- Ari said that the EXPLORE Study also looked at unprotected sex and drug use.
- Hank stated that we must put out information on this to the community.
- Ari stated that while Needle Exchange has changed IDU as a risk, how does changing IDU MSM to MSM DU change things.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that at one time IDU was the number at risk population.
 - We need to determine if that still true, or if the current risk is all drug use.
 - This is risk assessment.
- Ari added that a Forum should not be IDU vs. DUT, but community focused.
- Hank suggested that the Committee think about this and digest some of the information before taking action.
 - ⇒ He added that perhaps we should have a meeting dedicated to this topic.
 - ⇒ Steven suggested inviting: Michael Siever of Stonewall, someone from the Urban Health Study, John from Height Ashbury Clinic, Paul Horkin from TARC, someone from the Young Injector Program, perhaps Alex Kral, among others.
 - ⇒ Tracey stated that the professional staff can organize to invite such people to a Research Committee meeting in '03.

Latino/a Youth:

Lisa was the only member of this Small Group present. She has data for the group and will report it at their next meeting.

8. Scope of Work:

Next Steps:

Review Agenda for November 14th HPPC meeting:

- Tracey provided members with a Draft Agenda for the meeting
- A copy of the abstract of the Study, "Sexual risk behaviors and implications for secondary HIV transmission during and after HIV seroconversion" will be sent with the agenda to Council members.

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- ⇒ Grant Colfax, one of the authors, will make a presentation to the Council at the 11/14 meeting.

Research Committee introduction:

- Lisa prepared introduction and comments for John.

Other:

- Hank stated that he would contact the Lindesmith Center, which has done research regarding Speed and gay men.
 - ⇒ He also suggested we ask them to conduct a program.
 - Perhaps participate with them in joint sponsorships.
 - ⇒ He also suggested collaborating with New Leaf, Haight Ashbury and others.
 - ⇒ Steven also suggested Alice Gleghorn who is working on a similar collaborative study.
 - ⇒ He asked if it were okay for him to contact them and see if they are interested.
 - There was general agreement.

9. Closing and Evaluation:

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. There was no discussion or objection.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY DECEMBER 12TH FROM 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, Reviewed by Lisa Reyes, and _____.

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Research Committee
December 12, 2002
4:30 - 6:00pm
25 Van Ness Avenue, Conference Room
San Francisco

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements	4:30-4:40 (10 mins)
2. Public Comment	4:40-4:50 (10 mins)
3. Approve November minutes (vote)	4:50-4:55 (5 mins)
4. New Business	4:55-5:05 (10 mins)
5. Report from Steering	5:05-5:10 (5 mins)
6. Party and Play Forum Update	5:10-5:15 (5 mins)
7. Small Group Work - non-IDU MSMs - Latino/a Youth	5:15-5:30 (15 mins)
8. Next Steps for Small Groups (vote)	5:30-5:40 (10 mins)
9. Research Manifesto -Guiding Principles	5:40-5:50 (10 mins)
10. Closing and Evaluation	5:50-6:00 (10 mins)

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Members Present: Chata Ashley, Ari Bachrach, Israel Nieves-Rivera, Lisa Reyes, Mike Schemert,
Steven Tierney, and Hank Wilson

Members Absent: Aaron Cohen, and John Newmeyer

Professional Staff: Eileen Loughran (HPS), Tracey Packer (HPS), and David Weinman (Note Taker)

1. Welcome and Announcements:

- Lisa Reyes distributed a copy of the article (that was recommended by Ken Pierce) titled "Life vs. Meth" written by Kevin Koffler
 - ⇒ Israel Nieves-Rivera suggested and moved that a recommendation be sent to the Steering Committee that the article be send to all Members.
 - The motion was seconded and passed by consensus.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approve Minutes from November 4, 2002 Meeting:

The minutes for the November 4th meeting were approved by consensus.

4. New Business:

None

5. Report from Steering Committee:

- Israel reported that a summary of the African American Rapid Assessment from Valerie Rose's group was due to be presented at the Council Meeting of 11/14/02, but wasn't.
 - ⇒ Tracey Packer stated that the group wasn't available 11/14/02, and that they hope to be able to make the presentation at the 01/09/03 Council Meeting.
 - ⇒ She also said that the Co-Chairs would meet 12/19/02 to plan the January agenda.
- Israel also reported that the Research Committee would continue in 2003, although it is not a Standing Committee.
- Tracey reported:
 - ⇒ Council-wide diversity training will continue.
 - The next topic will be cross-cultural diversity training.
 - A trainer may attend a Council Meeting to observe.
 - ⇒ The Committee decided to have the new Members seek out a Mentor/Sponsor from the existing membership.
 - In the past, a Mentor/Sponsor was assigned.
- Hank Wilson stated that there should be a Research presentation at every Council Meeting.

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- ⇒ Israel said that the idea will be taken to the Co-Chairs Meeting.
- ⇒ Steven Tierney noted that in 2003 Council Meeting will be monthly, and because the Council has committed to shortening the meeting some months this should be a written report rather than a presentation.
- ⇒ Ari Bachrach asked what process will be used to schedule research reports.
 - Several people responded saying that the Committee must ensure presentations are relevant.
- Israel reported that multiple requests have been made regarding Council Meetings, including:
 - They be kept to less than three hours,
 - Research presentations be relevant, and
 - The format be changed to enable the group to move more quickly through the early part of the Agendas' paperwork.
- ⇒ He stated that suggestions for Research presentations will be taken to the Steering Committee for inclusion in future agendas.
- Tracey noted that the Professional Staff needs lead-time to coordinate meeting, particularly when they involve outside presenters.
 - ⇒ She asked if the Committee wants to propose a discussion of IDU non-IDU topic for the February '03 Meeting.
 - ⇒ Israel noted that the Committee's priority on Latino/a Youth will fit in with the Community Liaison Committee's Council Meeting focusing on Youth.
- Israel reported that starting in 2003 each of the Council Meetings will commence with a question to be addressed by each Member around the room.
 - ⇒ This is meant to encourage participation as well as being useful helping understand how Members communicate.
- Steven reported on the State HIV Prevention Planning Group meeting
 - ⇒ An examination of how much was being spent on prevention for MSM shows that population being under-served.
 - He explained that this is partly due to the way funds are proportioned to counties relative to the size of the various MSM communities. He also stated that in '03 there will be an attempt to address this.
 - ⇒ Each County is making a plan for funding in '03.
 - Some Counties will include budget for sensitivity/diversity training regarding MSM.
 - ⇒ The State's budget is \$35 billion in the red.
 - The first line of cuts does not include health.
 - The State Council passed a resolution suggesting taking funding from counties without AIDS incidence, or with low incidence, should cuts need to be made.
 - A resolution to cut funding to SF and LA did not pass.
- Israel asked if there has been any news regarding incidence numbers rising in SF.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that the DPH publishes an Annual AIDS Update on World AIDS Day (12/01/02).
 - In the Media Release DPH reported an increase in the incidence amongst MSM.
 - Some media outlets misunderstood the Release and reported an increase in the incidence numbers for the African American population.

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- This has been clarified with the media.
- Hank Wilson asked when the next State Meeting will be held.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that he would forward the information to him.

6. Party and Play Forum Update:

Mike Pendo distributed a report entitled, "Update on Community Forum for Party & Play," a copy of which is enclosed for absent Members. A date has not been finalized but they are aiming at the third week in January or early February. Likewise the location has not been finalized.

- Israel stated that if the time is set at 4:00 PM the Forum will focus on providers and the general community will not be particularly encouraged.
 - ⇒ Mike responded that if it were at 7:00 PM they are not sure anyone will come, but that the organizing committee will guide him.
- Chata Ashley asked about the cost of various meeting rooms.
 - ⇒ Mike responded that the LGBT Center charged between \$300-400, the Woman's Center \$100 per hour, and Davies is free.
 - ⇒ Chata stated that he would rather money be spent on something other than room rent.

7. Small Group Work

non-IDU MSMs Group:

This Small Group is comprised of Ari Bachrach, Aaron Cohen, John Newmeyer, Mike Schematic, Steven Tierney, and Hank Wilson.

- Hank and Tracey asked about bringing this topic to the Council.
- Steven stated that it would be useful to discuss Drug Use in relation to specific communities.
- Eileen asked about suggesting the topic for the February '03 agenda.
- Ari asked what the purpose is for changing the Council's priorities.
 - ⇒ In response, Mike stated that changing the priorities is only one way of proceeding, that the Committee may wish to propose exploring how Drug Use is affecting behavior, rather than the risks of using the drugs.
 - ⇒ Steven added that 26% of the funds are targeted to IDU (Tier 2), but that many of the drugs being used are not injected; particularly meth-amphetamines (Speed).
 - ⇒ He asked what the 26% of funding is for: Drug Use or Injection?
 - He suggested the Council look at where the risks are: in using, or altering behavior.
 - ⇒ He added, that the Council might wish to get rid of Tier 2 and reclassify Drug Use as a co-factor to the various populations.
 - ⇒ Tracey stated that the aim is to make sure that sero-converting populations are being reached by prevention messages and activities.
 - She added that the definition of Tiers and BRPs follow from that aim.
 - ⇒ She asked if the risk is in the sex or in the needle.
- Mike suggested that a broad discussion with the whole Council probably wouldn't be productive and that the Committee needs to make specific suggestions.
- Hank stated that his concerns are with Speed, Crack and Poppers.

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- Ari asked what is included in the 26% in Tier 2.
 - ⇒ Tracey responded that funding goes to: Stonewall, TARC, Urban Health, Needle Exchange and others.
- Steven reported that some CBOs have stated that they are uncomfortable with the designation of Tier 2 because they need to provide services to drug and alcohol users who are not injecting.
- Ari asked how would classifying Drug Use as a co-factor affect funding.
 - ⇒ Steven responded that the allocation of funds should be a result of research.
 - ⇒ Tracey added that the Council didn't have good information on Drug Use when the Plan was written.
 - She added that the approximately 70% of the funding in Tier 1 does not preclude MSM who use drugs; but it is not targeted at Drug Use.
- Ari asked if we could continue Needle Exchange programs if the Tiers are altered.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that this the Research question:
 - What is the number of people sero-converting due to dirty works?
 - He asked if such research is being done elsewhere.
 - ⇒ He also asked of the IDU population that is sero-converting:
 - Is the infection coming from the needle or the sexual behavior?
 - ⇒ Hank stated that there is data at the testing sites that may answer these questions.
 - Steven noted that some sites, including Needle Exchanges, are not asking if sero-converter are MSM, but rather assume the conversion is due to injecting.
 - ⇒ Steven emphasized that the Committee should first find out what is going on with Drug Use before suggesting the Council change the Tiers.
- Hank stated that the availability of Drug Treatment should also be investigated.
 - ⇒ He asked if programs are meeting the at-risk populations' needs and if there is room in treatment programs for those who request it.
- Mike stated his agreement with Steven's recommendation that any recommendation to change Tiers be a result of research.
 - ⇒ He added that we might not need to do more research to find the information.
 - ⇒ He also noted that it is obvious that Drug Use is a risk.
 - Ari and Hank concurred.
- Ari asked what is needed to identify a sub-population.
 - ⇒ Tracey responded that a sub-population is defined as 8% of the total.
- Mike stated that some providers who are funded in Tier 2 would like to access Tier 1.
 - ⇒ He added that there are people not getting services because they are neither MSM nor IDU.
- Israel (joining the discussion after completion of the Latino/a Small Group's work) asked if the Council is engaged in HIV prevention or Drug Abuse prevention.
 - ⇒ Hank responded saying: Both.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that Substance Abuse prevention could be HIV prevention.
 - ⇒ Ari said that this is a research question.
- Mike stated that the Council must not wait another year to address Drug Use.

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This Small Group is comprised of Chata Ashley, Israel Nieves-Rivera, and Lisa Reyes.
(see notes below)

8. Next Steps for Small Groups:

non-IDU MSMs Group:

- Steven stated that the next step is to invite presentations from people doing work with youth (UFO) and older populations (UHS).
 - ⇒ Israel suggested calling on Council Member John Newmeyer of the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic to discuss non-IDU.
 - ⇒ Steven suggested that the group first look at needle use/injection as a risk.
- Ari suggested looking at the prevalence of Speed use across BRPs.
 - ⇒ Tracey added that Mike Penda would be helpful in pulling this information together.
- Ari also suggested we request additional information from funded programs.
 - ⇒ Israel stated that AGUILAS has been collecting data on non-injection Drug Use, but - because it has never been asked - they have never reported it.
- Tracey stated that the Professional Staff could invite Alex Kral (UCSF) who will have data on prevalence.

Latino/a Youth:

- Israel reported that this population remains at high risk, as attested to by:
 - Rising teen pregnancy rate; and
 - STD rate in this population is 2nd highest of observed groups.
- The Small Group questions if those statistics describe a trend.
 - ⇒ Israel stated that they need five years of charted data to make determination.
 - ⇒ He also said that they have requested information from Community Substance Abuse Services (CSAS), but that they have not as yet responded.

9. Research Manifesto:

- Lisa and Steven distributed a leaflet entitled, "*Communities Creating Knowledge - A consensus statement on community-based research*" from the International Network for Community-Based Research on HIV/AIDS (INCBR), a copy of which is enclosed for absent members.
- Steven asked Members to read the leaflet before the next Committee Meeting.
 - ⇒ He suggested adopting the section entitled, "*Guiding Principles*" once it is modified and put into HPPC language.
 - ⇒ Once the wording is agreed upon, the Committee can recommend it to the Council.

10. Brainstorm Scope of Work for 2003-2004:

- Chata stated that money should be spent where it will be the greatest benefit to the City and Community.
- Hank recommended that we should get information from DPH groups such as: Option Study, Pep Study, STD Section.

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- ⇒ He stated that this Committee and the Council should be provided with the data these groups are generating before publication.
- ⇒ He also asked where all of this data is, and suggested the Council recommend a central repository.
- ⇒ Tracey reported that this is part of the TA/PA Committee's suggestion too.
- Hank also suggested that the Committee and Council should be able to ask questions of researchers working on HIV prevention and planning.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that the Committee and Council needs to know what is being done by funded research.
 - He noted that earlier in 2002 the Committee looked at all of such research being done it decided there was too much information for the Committee to absorb.
 - He added that this is the reason the Committee narrowed its focus to: "non-IDU MSM" and "Latino/a Youth."
- Israel asked if the data could be linked to help the HPPC decide how to spend wisely.
 - ⇒ He added that TA/PA suggestion is similar to that made by Hank at the last Council Meeting, that we track all sero-converters at testing.
 - ⇒ Chata suggested this topic be put on the agenda for the January Committee Meeting.
- Mike expressed frustration because of the shortfall between what the Committee would like to do, and what it has been able to do.
 - ⇒ He stated that while this can be overwhelming the Committee should remain focused.
 - ⇒ Chata added that he believes the Committee has accomplished a great deal in 2002.
- Hank stated that information continues to surface, or be published, that the Council was unaware of. He emphasized that he would like this to stop in 2003.
 - ⇒ Steven stated that this is a matter of process, and that there are three columns of research:
 1. Informing New Research
 - * What we need/request
 2. Receiving and Reviewing all SF Related Data
 - * Leads to questions of the role of a small committee
 - * Is this feasible?
 3. Focus on Specific Areas of Research
 - * This is the adopted tactic
 - * The Council is focusing on Native American issues
 - * This Committee focusing on non-IDU MSM, and Latino/a Youth
- ⇒ Steven added that during 2002 the Committee compiled data on how to proceed with its specific areas of focus, and that good progress is being made.
- Ari stated that the Research Manifesto, which is carrying over to 2003, affects all three columns of research and will be an important contribution to the Council's work.
- Israel stated that the Committee could influence research on the specific areas it focuses on.

11. Closing and Evaluation:

- The next meeting schedule was tentatively agreed upon for 01/20/03 at 4:30 PM.

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⇒ Steven pointed out that the Committee will probably approve its own version at the next meeting and suggested the Committee wait until that is ready before distributing anything to the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. There was no discussion or objection.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Minutes were prepared by David Weinman, Reviewed by Lisa Reyes, and _____.

